

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #	6D
Meeting Date	July 27, 2015
Prepared By	Roz Grigsby, Community Development Manager, HCD
Approved By	Suzanne Ludlow City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Authorizing Submission of Community Legacy Application
Background	<p>The Community Legacy grant program, administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, is a comprehensive planning-based program designed to implement community-wide revitalization strategies. Funding priorities include projects which have a strategic economic impact, demonstrate evidence of other funding commitments, and are clearly part of an ongoing revitalization effort.</p> <p>The following capital project descriptions and preliminary cost estimates were discussed during a City Council meeting on July 20, 2015. The projects, with grant amount requested for the FY16 Community Legacy application are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>6530 New Hampshire Avenue (\$150,000)</u>: The project leverages private investment of \$1.1 million in a blighted, three-story, 18,540 square foot commercial building to include energy-efficient windows, roof-mounted photovoltaic solar panels, and improved, landscaped pedestrian amenities. • <u>6600 New Hampshire Avenue (\$100,000)</u>: The project provides Redline Motorsports, a local, independent business, the opportunity to expand on site by adding an additional story to the existing building. The project will provide new commercial square footage, grow the services and products offered at the business, and enhance the curb appeal of the property with new facade and lighting, while removing storage containers from the parking area.
Policy	<p>“To work in partnership with others to ensure that Takoma Park is fiscally, environmentally and economically sustainable for the city and its residents.”</p> <p><i>City of Takoma Park, Maryland Strategic Plan (FY2010-FY2015)</i></p>
Fiscal Impact	Community Legacy Grant Request: \$ 250,000.00
Attachments	Resolution Authorizing Submission of Community Legacy Application
Recommendation	Approval of the accompanying resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2015 -

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF FY16 COMMUNITY LEGACY APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council recognizes that there is a significant need for reinvestment and revitalization of commercial and residential areas in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed two Community Legacy Projects: the 6530 New Hampshire Avenue Project and the 6600 New Hampshire Avenue Project (the "Projects") as further described in the City of Takoma Park's FY2016 Application; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (the Department), either through Community Legacy or through other Programs of the Department, or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide some or all of the financing for the Project (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making it financially feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Project is located within a priority funding area under Section 5-7B-02 of the Smart Growth Act and in a designated Sustainable Communities area and will conform to the local zoning code; and

WHEREAS, the applicable law and regulations require approval of the Community Legacy Project and the Project Financing by the City of Takoma Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City Council of the City of Takoma Park supports the financing of the Projects, endorses the submission of the City of Takoma Park's FY2016 Community Legacy application, and approves the request for financial assistance in the form of a grant in the amount up to \$250,000 and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute documents as "Legal Entity Official (LEO)" and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of these resolutions.

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2015.

Bruce Williams, Mayor

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk